



City of St. Paul Lemonade Day

Public Health Sheet

- Although it has been determined that the Lemonade Day stands are exempt from licensing for the sale of lemonade, you still need to follow health rules. You do not want to be responsible for making somebody sick. Even though the idea of Lemonade Day is to give our kids an idea of business planning, this can also be an opportunity to help teach them good food handling techniques.
- If you are sick or have any signs of illness, do not have anything to do with the handling of food or equipment.
- Cleanliness and food safety is all important. Wash your hands thoroughly before you do any handling of food or equipment. Also wash your hands throughout the day particularly after coughing, sneezing, touching a pet and particularly after using the toilet. Do not eat, drink, blow your nose or touch your face or hair in your stand. If you accidentally do contaminate your hands, you must wash them again.
- It is very important to keep our hands clean at all times. You should have a bottle of hand sanitizer at your stand and use it often. You should clean your hands every time you leave and come back to the stand.
- All equipment and containers need to be food grade and thoroughly washed and sanitized, including any knives or cutting boards. This means that containers like 5 gallon buckets or pails cannot be used at all. Also, you cannot use any container that has been used for a non-food purpose. Use only single-service disposable cups and napkins. Do not reuse old milk or juice jugs.
- All water should come from an approved supply. In St. Paul, the city water is considered an approved supply. Private wells are not an approved source of water. Garden hoses cannot be used to supply water, they are not approved for food use.
- It is recommended that you get commercially prepared ice as you will be using a lot of ice. If you are making your own ice, the water has to be from an approved source. Do not handle the ice with your bare hands, use tongs, a scoop or ladle. Do not store anything in the ice other than your ice tongs or scoops.
- You must locate your stand on a clean, dry surface preferably on concrete or asphalt. Grass is OK but bare ground (dirt) is not acceptable.
- It is recommended that an adult squeeze the lemons or at least closely supervise the children if they do it. It is important that you wash your hands just before you cut or squeeze the lemons and make the lemonade. Single use gloves are preferable.
- Keep all containers, food, cups and supplies off the ground.
- Have a spray bottle with bleach water (1 tsp of bleach to a quart of water) to clean and sanitize surfaces. Use only paper towels for wiping down surfaces.
- Protect all lemonade ingredients, cups and napkins from contamination. Do not allow a pet to stay at the lemonade stand. It is recommended that you have a covering over the top of the stand to prevent contamination from birds and dust.
- Dispose of wastes properly. Do not dump liquids or dirty water into the street and provide a trash can for solid waste.